

LENT

*"Behold, now is a very acceptable time;
behold, now is the day of salvation."*
2 COR 6:2

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www.facebook.com/popchurchchesa-
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or youtube.com

Diocesan Website

www.richmonddiocese.org

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesdays at noon

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Masses

Saturday 5:00 P.M.

Sunday 9:00 A.M. &
11:00 A.M. Livestreamed

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 A.M.

Reconciliation

Every Saturday at 3:30 P.M.

Register in the Parish

Welcome! To join the parish,
please contact our office at
pop.office@popparish.org.

STAFF

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS THIS WEEK: MARCH 10, 2024 – MARCH 17, 2024

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

9:00 a.m. Mass

Laetare Sunday Bake Sale (after both Masses)
CAST at POP

9:00-10:00 a.m. Children’s Liturgy of the Word

10:05-10:55 a.m. Elementary Formation

10:15-10:45 a.m. Combined Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. Mass

MONDAY, MARCH 11

No Daily Mass

CAST at POP

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

9:00 a.m. Mass followed by the praying of the Holy Rosary

CAST at POP

2:00-3:00 p.m. A Lenten Retreat, *The Cry from the Cross* in Room 10

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

9:00 a.m. Mass followed by the praying of the Holy Rosary

CAST at POP

10:00-11:30 a.m. Food Pantry Open

6:00-7:00 p.m. Instrumental Rehearsal

7:15-9:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

9:00 a.m. Mass followed by the praying of the Holy Rosary

11:00-12:00 p.m. Funeral

6:00-8:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus 8240 Meeting

7:00 p.m. Lent Reconciliation Service

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

9:00 a.m. Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

5:00-7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

3:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. Mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

9:00 a.m. Mass

9:00-10:00 a.m. Children’s Liturgy of the Word

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Module 2 (First Eucharist)

10:05-10:55 a.m. Elementary Formation

10:15-10:45 a.m. Combined Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. Mass

1:00-2:00 p.m. Baptism Parent Session (Zoom)

6:00-8:00 p.m. Middle & High School Formation

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

Dolores Sabisky †

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

Tuong Nguyen †

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

Sam Annunziata †

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

Jose & Felisa Encarnacio †

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

5:00 p.m. Joan Owen †

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

9:00 a.m. Roberto Fiesta †

11:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

† denotes deceased

*In order to keep with Canon Law, as of March 13, 2019, there will be only one Mass Intention offered per Mass. Mass Intentions for the repose of the soul and Special Intentions can be made at least two weeks before the requested day. The Parish Office will not be able to schedule Mass Intentions on the same week of the requested day. Thank you for understanding.

THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE QUOTE FOR MEDITATION

March 10, 2024:

Fourth Sunday of Lent

John 3:14-15 “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

March 17, 2024: Fifth Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

2nd Reading: Hebrew 5:7-9

Gospel: John 12:20-33

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Father John Bosco will lead the Stations of the Cross immediately following our 9:00 a.m. Daily Mass on Fridays.

The Rosary will continue to be prayed after the 9:00 a.m. Daily Masses Tuesdays-Thursdays.

ORATIO IMPERATA:

God Our Father, we come to You in our need to ask Your protection against the 2019 N-Coronavirus that has claimed lives and has affected many. We pray for Your grace for the people tasked with studying the nature and cause of this virus and its disease and of stemming the tide of its transmission. Guide the hands and minds of medical experts that they may minister to the sick with competence and compassion, and of those governments and private agencies that must find cure and solution to this epidemic. We pray for those afflicted; may they be restored to health soon. Grant us the grace to work for the good of all and to help those in need. Grant this through Our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

by Saint Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

As we pray for peace and an end to violence throughout the world, we as a parish community will pray the Prayer to St. Michael after Mass. The prayer will be prayed after the Final Blessing and before the Recessional.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

LENT REGULATIONS FOR FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together, they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for Baptism or of renewal of Baptism at Easter.

MASS COUNTS FOR LAST WEEKEND

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	230
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.	343
Sunday, 11:00 a.m.	303
TOTAL	876

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

A Communal Lenten Reconciliation Service here at Prince of Peace on Thursday, March 14th at 7:00 p.m. There will be 10 priests available for Confession. All are invited to take advantage of this opportunity for Reconciliation during the Season of Lent.

ASSISTIVE HEARING DEVICES

With our new sound system in place, we are once again offering assistive hearing devices for use during Mass. While we recommend you bring your own earbuds, we do have headsets you may borrow. Please see an usher if you wish to use one.

OCFS FUNERAL PRESENTATION

Community Outreach Staff from the Office of Cemetery and Funeral Services (OCFS), a Ministry of the Diocese of Richmond will be here on April 13th and 14th after all Masses to inform and discuss the spiritual and practical reasons for learning about Catholic funeral planning and the Order of Christian Funeral Rites, practices and traditions. There will be a short presentation along with a question-and-answer session in the hall. Please take advantage of this opportunity to better understand the importance of Catholic funeral rites and the benefits to preplanning your funeral arrangements. Food and Refreshments will be served during the presentations.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS: *Baptismal Preparation* - In preparation to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism with an infant, the parents are asked to attend a Baptismal Preparation Session at Prince of Peace. Session is being held by Zoom. The session will begin at 1:00 p.m. and last 45 minutes to an hour. The next sessions scheduled at Prince of Peace are: **Sundays, March 17, April 7, April 28, and June 9, 2024.** Parents are asked to register for the sessions by visiting our parish website at popparish.org. Go to the *Sacrament* tab and scroll down to *Baptisms*. Anyone with questions, please contact Sister Dolores at the Parish Office.

FIRST EUCHARIST 2024: If your child is entering 2nd grade or higher and is at least 7 years old, contact Melody.Smith@popparish.org for more information.

ADULT CONFIRMATION: For any adult Catholic who has never been confirmed, sessions are held throughout the year. For more information, please call Sister Dolores at the Parish Office or email her at Sister.Dolores@popparish.org.

RCIA: *Thinking of joining the Catholic Church???* Prince of Peace parish community offers "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults" (RCIA) process for those adults seeking to learn more about and join the Catholic Christian Faith. RCIA is for those who are not yet baptized and also for Christians of other denominations who choose to seek full Communion with the Catholic Church. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested in learning more about the RCIA journey, please contact Sister Dolores at the Parish Office at 757-547-0356, or email Sister.Dolores@popparish.org.

Our Treasures to the Lord

	Offertory	E-Giving	Weekly Needs	Over/(Short)*
Offertory				
Week Ending 02-04	\$ 5,654.60	\$ 7,995.09	\$ 12,303.00	\$ 1,346.69
Week Ending 02-11	\$ 7,539.02	\$ 5,069.00	\$ 12,303.00	\$ 305.02
Week Ending 02-18	\$ 7,596.50	\$ 7,035.00	\$ 12,303.00	\$ 2,328.50
Week Ending 02-25	\$ 4,589.00	\$ 2,535.00	\$ 12,303.00	\$ (5,179.00)
Total	\$ 25,379.12	\$ 22,634.09	\$ 49,212.00	\$ (1,198.79)

*Amount in () indicates negative

	Fiscal YTD	Week Collection
	25-Feb-24	25-Feb
<i>Funds collected:</i>		
Capital Improvement:	\$ 23,937.31	\$ 156.00
Food Pantry:	\$ 21,925.57	\$ 168.10
Diocesan debt (BLUE env)	\$ 6,125.00	\$ 11.00
Homeless Meals:	\$ 9,337.33	\$ 186.00

FISCAL YEAR REVIEW

The Office of Finance has reviewed the fiscal year 2022-2023 Financial Statements for our parish. The review stated, "The parishioners of Prince of Peace Catholic Church continue their financial support of the various programs and ministries of the parish. This financial support reflects the financial commitment of the parishioners, as well as the financial oversight rendered during the year."

2023 TAX STATEMENTS

The Prince of Peace 2023 Year contribution statements are now available in your My Giving/My Own Church account. If you do not have access to a computer, to help offset costs, you may drop off your self-addressed stamped envelope and place it in the box in the Commons during Mass or office hours. Alternatively, we are able to email a copy upon request. Call or email the office. If you encounter any issues with your contributions statement, please contact the bookkeeper during business hours. If you have any issues with your ParishSoft account setup or have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at 757-547-0356/pop.office@popparish.org.



2024 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: SHARING HIS LOVE WITH OTHERS

Recently, many of you received a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal. We hope you will prayerfully consider this request. An important aspect of the Appeal is that all parishes receive back a portion of their funds collected to be used for important local priorities. This year, the funds returned to our parish will be used to help us prepare for our parish's 50-year anniversary celebration at Prince of Peace. This will include the refreshing and reorganizing of the worship area. Thank you in advance for your support of the 2024 Appeal.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Please note as a Community of Faith, we offer our prayers for the sick. With so many requests for prayers, we have begun rotating names. Please be assured that sick loved ones and friends continue to be prayed for... Each week, our petition "For the sick....especially all those who have asked for our prayers, including..."

(NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS): Rosa Iglesia, Margaret Gillaspie, Minnette Mergen, Walter Quigley, Tom Boone, June Baiocco, Christine Harrington, Josephine Tarquinio, Carolyn Seigle, Marie Kiesel, Louise Phillips, Eileen Ettwein, Dick DeLong, Joseph Rejuney, Joan Crane, Marie Kuenzer (MC), Susan Ott, Mary Oliver, Rodney Grenne, Barbara Sullivan, Mary Anne Agne, Phyllis Hunt, Evelyn Foley, Maureen Anderson, Steve Blum, Jane & Rick Gallagher.

CHESAPEAKE HEALTHCARE CENTER: Clair Saar, Mary Thatcher, Mike Walker, Anna Phillips, Rafaela Martinez, and Elizabeth Bolmarcich.

AT HOME: Kathryn Marks, Fannye Wickley, Gene DiPascale, Doris Moyer, Joseph Evan, Patty and Al Russell, Ada Murphy, Sherri Yewitt, and Paul Michael Thomas.

IN THE HOSPITAL: Let us pray for all those currently in the hospital

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Jay Stefaney, Joseph Bertini, Glen Carey, Robert Stermer, Rustico Macasaet, Sandra Bullinger, and Monica Wheaton.

PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH
 There's a place for everyone in the Music Ministry
<https://popparish.org/ministries/music-ministry/>

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Music Rehearsal Schedule
 Wednesdays: Instrumental 6-7pm
 Choir 7:15-9pm
 Sundays: Combined 10:15-10:45am
in the worship space



CF NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGISTER FOR SUNDAY CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES:
 Any donations to Youth Ministry are greatly appreciated, since we do subsidize for families in need. Thank you for your support!



K through 5th grade: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/280d0069-c12f-4eb5-b55c-2877013cd21d>
6th through 12th grade: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/17c44378-ffe6-4a74-ac78-2291ef72a3fd>
 If you have any questions, please contact:
 Elementary Formation - Melody.Smith@popparish.org
 Middle School/High School Formation & Peer Ministry - Kelly.Bruno@popparish.org

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)
 March 10, 17, 24; April 7, 14, 21, 28; May 5



UPCOMING YOUTH IN MOTION EVENTS
 March 9-10 Laetare Sunday Bake Sale
 March 17 CF Class
 March 24 CF Class - End of Year Celebration
 June 17-21 Paint Explosion Youth Mission

VIRTUS:
 All Catechists, Assistants, VYMs, people in leadership roles, and those serving minors or vulnerable adults are required to register for and attend a one-time class, VIRTUS Protecting God's Children. Registration for the class will initiate the Safe Environment Screening which is required every five years. Please email our POP safe environment coordinator at Melody.Smith@popparish.org for more information.

THANK YOU!
 Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Confirmation Mass and Reception such a special celebration for our Confirmands. It could not have happened without the time and talent of each of you. It truly takes a village. Blessings!

Chesapeake Council 8240

Fish Fry
 (Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 621 Cedar Road)
 February 23rd, March 15th, and March 22nd
 5PM - 7PM

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL BE HOLDING A FISH FRY IN THE PARISH HALL ON FRIDAYS FEBRUARY 23RD, MARCH 15TH, AND MARCH 22ND, FROM 5 PM TO 7 PM. THE COST OF THE ALL YOU CAN EAT DINNER IS \$15 - ALL YOU CAN EAT \$5 - KIDS PIZZA MEAL

TAKE OUT ORDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR \$10 EACH. TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE DOOR.

Fish Meal Alaskan Pollock - Fried Fish
 French Fries and Cole Slaw, Hushpuppies and Corn Bread
 Drinks will be provided



*Congratulation to all of the Confirmands
who made their Confirmation on
Wednesday, February 28, 2024
Bishop Barry Knestout, presider*

Adrian Lim Alalong

Aidan Andrew Albor

Alessandra Juliet Avis

Josiah Daniel Bengston

Aidan Elijah Bowles

Kevin Michael Brennan

Daniel Daitaro Cadua

Sabella Anne-Marie Cain

Lilybet Grace Carter

Mark Steven Fails

Caden Michael Fione

Abigail Noelle Flores

Ayden Nathaniel Flores

Brian Patrick Gibbons, Jr.

Jillian Kathleen Kemp

Ashley Sughnen Kersha-Aerqa

Christopher Richmond Lewis

Mikaella Mombay Lunasin

Margaret Lucille Malloy

Adam Sebastian Martinez, Jr.

Ava Violet Pacomio

Ana Maria Pacomio

Sarah Gabriela Rodriguez Cotto

Jocelyn Rodriguez

Angel Sosa

Ryan Ariel Tolentino

Ava Madison Wasco

Caitlin Reese Watson

Henry Martin Winslow

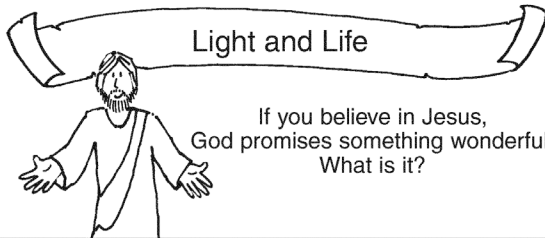
Jack Alton Wommack

Madison Grace Wuornos

Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 7+

March 10, 2024 • John 3:14-21



If you believe in Jesus,
God promises something wonderful!
What is it?

Add and subtract words and letters.

1. - B D + - K I +
 - I G + - B L = _____

2. - G H T + - A N
+ - A R = _____

Enter your **SECRET CODE** to unlock games @ games.childrensbulletins.com **SECRET CODE**
ATT998

God did something very special for everyone
because God loves us.
How much does God love us?

Reading from left to right, write all of the 1's in order. When you reach the last 1, return to the top and write all of the 2's in order. Then return to the top and write all the 3's in order.

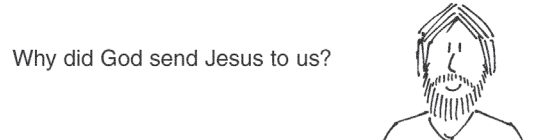
➡ 1- For	2 - gave	3 - Him	1- God
2 - His	3 - shall	1- so	2 - only
3 - not	1- loved	2 - Son	3 - perish
1- the	2 - that	3 - but	1- world
2 - whoever	3 - have	1- that	2 - believes
3 - eternal	1- He	2 - in	3 - life



Finish the words below using these letters.
Then read the verse.

ght	en	es	ly	ne	th
tr	at	mes	h	ay	
ever	en	th	ough	as	

"Who _____ liv_____ by the _____uth
co_____ to the li_____, so _____at it
m_____ be se_____ plain_____ at
wh_____ they _____ave do_____ h_____
be_____ thr_____ God."



Use the calculator to find the answer.

6 - =

5 ON 7 =

6 + =

8 - 4 2 OFF !



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. MARK, VIRGINIA BEACH PRESENTS:




FR. RICKY MANALO, CSP

“A EUCHARIST OF ENCOUNTERING: CROSSING THRESHOLDS, BECOMING TRANSFORMED”


PRESENTATION AND MUSIC: FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH AT 7:00PM

Rev. Ricky Manalo, CSP, Ph.D.,
Paulist Priest, Composer,
theologian, and author.



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PURCHASE TICKETS AT:
<https://bit.ly/FrManaloTickets>
OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO THE RIGHT


HOUSING THE HOMELESS AT POP – MARCH 6-13, 2024!

Please sign up to help house 50 of our most needy homeless in Chesapeake. We need breakfasts, dinners, bus team, overnight team, cleanup, and activities volunteers. Please see our announcers after Masses with questions, text Mike Corrigan at 757-775-7696, and sign up online.

THE CRY FROM THE CROSS

A Lenten retreat, *The Cry from the Cross*, will be on Tuesdays, through March 26, at 2:00 p.m. We will follow the presentations on the site Pray As You Go. There is no book or workbook to purchase. Please join us in Room 10 (in the Education Wing) to view, pray, and grow together during this time of preparation for the Passion of Christ and His Resurrection. Contact Cheryl at 757-410-1525 or Bobbi at 757-560-4050 with any questions.

CLOTHING DRIVE

Society of St. Vincent de Paul will host a Clothing Drive on Saturday, March 9th, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at St. Benedict Church at 521 McCosh Drive in Chesapeake. Pull up, drop off, and go! For more information, please call Amy Hutchens at 901-218-7000.

YOUNG ADULT**THEOLOGY ON TAP**

The goal of Theology on Tap in the Diocese of Richmond is to provide a place for young adults (roughly ages 21-35) to gather, delve into a Catholic topic, and connect with other young adults in the area. All young adults, whether single or married, are welcome!

Date: Last Thursday of the month

Location: Locations rotate every month; contact Chloe for more information

Time: 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Contact: Chloe Barnes at oliviafreeman804@outlook.com.

FORMED.ORG:

Prince of Peace offers a wide variety of Catholic movies, educational programs, seminars, books, and spiritual exercises for all POP families and adults at no cost to them. Here is how to get signed up!

1. Go to www.formed.org.
2. Click on the blue “Sign up as a Parishioner” button.
3. Enter: “Prince of Peace, 621 Cedar Road, Chesapeake, VA”
4. Enter your Name and Email.

PEACE AND JUSTICE:

We strive to live the love of Christ
by sharing it with those in our community.

**HELPING OUR HOMELESS CHESAPEAKE NEIGHBORS**

We have several ongoing programs to support our homeless neighbors within Prince of Peace and we also partner with many other churches in the area. We have an Amazon Wishlist of what we call “shelf stable” items; this is a quick and easy way to buy items we use every week and would be a wonderful way to support this ministry if you don’t have time to make sandwiches, etc. It is as easy as going to this link via the QR code, ordering and having them sent to POP – Homeless Meals; the address will be available for you to choose once you go to checkout!! If you have any questions at all, please just email me at coeybrooks@cox.net. Thank you so much!!

**FATHER ROMEO D. JAZMIN FOOD PANTRY MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION DATES...**

Saturday and Sunday: April 6/7 (Mark your calendar. Drop off food bags before each Mass in the Commons. Thank you.)

Mondays, 9:00-10:00 a.m. – Drop off food... Pantry Volunteers are available to help with your bags or boxes.

Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30 a.m. – Pick up and drop off food
Drop food bags off at the Food Pantry located in the back of the church. Do not leave food outside of the doors. **Parishioners who need assistance, contact 757-410-7957 for a date and time to pick up food or pick up food on Wednesdays between 10:00-11:30 a.m.**

SOME SHOPPING ITEMS NEEDED, PLEASE CONSIDER: Peanut Butter, Canned Fruit, Jell-O, Hamburger Helper, Jelly, Canned Soup, Pork & Beans, Eggs. If you would rather have the pantry do the shopping, consider a financial contribution. Financial gifts can be made in cash, check, and by going to the website at popparish.org and to Prince of Peace Parishsoft Giving & Offering (Tap) and submit through E-giving. If you are writing a check, in the memo, write “Food Pantry.” Thank you and God bless.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 8240:

Attention, Catholic Men! Have you ever thought of joining the Knights of Columbus? The Knights of Columbus is the largest fraternal Catholic organization in the world. Men age 18 and over, who are practicing Catholics, are strongly encouraged to join for a variety of reasons. All Knights strive to be Catholic gentlemen, to learn more about their faith, and are dedicated to putting their faith in action in support of their church, family, community, and, yes, charities that help benefit children, the elderly, the handicapped, and the homeless. Prince of Peace Knights of Columbus Council 8240 has existed for over 35 years. Working together in unity and fraternity, the Brothers have helped countless families, individuals, church programs, and benefits over the years. We make a difference! Come join us. For more information, please contact Grand Knight Frank Kenney at greatfx35@gmail.com or call 757-615-6285.



ENDOWMENTS – A PART OF OUR LEGACY

Did you know that Prince of Peace Parish has two endowment funds? The Prince of Peace Catholic Church Endowment for general parish needs and the Father Romeo Jazmin Food Pantry Endowment. One important aspect of our Catholic stewardship is to provide for future generations. Our endowment funds can accomplish that mission. Unlike our offertory collection, which can be used immediately, the endowments are held in an investment fund set aside for the long-term support of our parish. Our endowment funds are intended to last forever. Gifts to these funds are invested, protected and never spent. As the invested funds grow over time, gifts to these funds grow and produce earnings that can be used by our parish to meet future needs. Anyone can add to our parish endowment funds at any time. The funds are held at the Catholic Community Foundation of the Diocese of Richmond and are invested and professionally managed in accordance with Catholic values. Many parishioners find that remembering their parish in their Will or estate planning is a way to thank the Lord for all of life's blessings. The Church has been a part of your life since Baptism, and the significant events throughout your life – from First Holy Communion, to Confirmation, perhaps to Marriage and beyond. Parishioners Steve and Joann Ervin know that, long after they have left this earth, their memories will live on to help others. As Prince of Peace Lumen Christi Legacy Society members, their gift helps ensure that the parish that means so much to them is financially secure in the future. "It's like a loving family," Joann said. She and Steve have belonged to Prince of Peace for about 38 years and raised both their sons in the church. "We want to give back to the church and to people who really need it," Steve said. The legacy society is also a way to honor their late son, Erik, who passed away 10 years ago at age 34. Part of his own assets were willed to his parents, who then made a bequest to the church in his memory. "We are giving for him also," Joann said. "He had a very big heart." A gift of any size to the parish endowment funds now, or a legacy gift in the future through a Will or estate plan, ensures that you continue to be a part of the future of our parish, and provides for the future needs of our parish and parishioners for generations to come. God bless you and thank you for your consideration.

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HOMELESS ASSISTANCE VOLUNTEERS

Want to be the face of charity for our local homeless living in their cars? We distribute food for the homeless early on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in two large parking areas. Contact Mike Corrigan at 757-775-7696.



GRAND GROUP

We welcome all Prince of Peace seniors to consider joining the Grand Group. Please contact Joan at 757-226-7468 or stanjam22@aol.com or Judy at 757-472-6008 or judithflorance@cox.net with questions.

PRINCE OF PEACE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry uses the time and talents of parish members to knit or crochet shawls that will be given away to help spread the message of God's mercy, love and compassion. The recipients include people entering a new phase in life or those experiencing a loss, illness, or difficult circumstances. If you know someone who might need a Prayer Shawl, please contact Sister Dolores at the Parish Office.

FREEWILL – LEAP INTO 2024 WITH FAITH AND PREPARATION

As we embrace the leap of 2024, we have an extra day – a perfect opportunity to reflect on our faith journey and plan for the future. Estate planning is an essential act of stewardship for Catholics, ensuring that our values and faith are woven into our future plans. In partnership with FreeWill, the Catholic Community Foundation offers a simple and free way for you to create your estate plan. This leap year, take the opportunity to ensure your legacy aligns with your spiritual values and contributes to the ongoing growth and strength of our parish community. Visit FreeWill.com/RichmondCatholicFoundation to start your estate planning today and take a leap of faith into the future. It is free, legal and user-friendly.



LUMEN CHRISTI LEGACY SOCIETY

As we continue our journey "Up to Jerusalem" during the month of March, we will contemplate the liturgy of Lent: the Passion and Resurrection of Christ, Baptism, and Penance. We will go to the cross with our acts of penitence. We will reflect on our mortality ("Remember man thou art dust"). We will remember the suffering of Good Friday to the joy of Easter Sunday. We will trade the purple of Penance for the white of victory and Resurrection. As we continue to fast and ponder somber thoughts, let's take time on the 19th to remember and celebrate the feast of St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the great honor bestowed upon the foster father of Jesus. On March 24th, Palm Sunday, we begin Holy Week and observe and commemorate the Passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Savior and Redeemer. Let us not tire of doing good works and Penance, but continue with the enthusiasm of the catechumens on their way to Easter and Baptism. May our Lenten observance be a joyful journey. Let us grow in and strengthen our faith, and consider a special gift to show our love and devotion to Jesus. Consider your love for, and future needs of, our holy church community, Prince of Peace. An invested gift is a manifestation of love that will provide future income for our mission. Your gift is significant, whatever the amount. Please view *A Guide to Legacy Giving* Brochure on the Prince of Peace Website at www.popp parish.org; go to *Support Your Parish*, then to *Legacy Giving*. Contact Nick Vacca at nbv8080@outlook.com for additional information, or contact him at the Parish Office at 757-547-0356. If you have already included Prince of Peace in your Will, "Welcome as a Lumen Christi Society Member."



Prince of Peace Volunteer of the Month for the maintenance department is Knights of Columbus Council 8240

The Knights of Columbus' principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism serve as the basis of the Order's core values which are Integrity, Professionalism, Excellence, and Respect. The Knights of Council 8240 are a blessing to our church in so many ways, it is hard to keep track of the numerous projects and countless hours of volunteer service keeping Prince of Peace Church moving forward. The Knights spent long hours in the Summer heat taking back our parking lot from the overgrown forest, are constantly assisting with cleanups after church functions, repairing and replacing broken equipment, setting up and breaking down tables and chairs for functions, hauling away debris, donating money to church projects, and always with good spirits and comradery. The Knights of Council 8240 set the example of how to lead an exemplary Catholic life and serve as a role model for our youth. We have several volunteers that I really appreciate, and I will be highlighting them and their accomplishments every month. God bless!
John Leonard – Facility Maintenance Coordinator

PRINCE OF PEACE POLICY:

Anyone requesting a Godparent sponsor letter, a Confirmation sponsor letter, or a letter verifying church membership, must be a registered member of the Parish a minimum of six months.

ASSISTANCE FOR 65+ OR AT-RISK PARISHIONERS:

During this time where you may be self-quarantining due to your age or because you are high risk, if you need assistance with grocery shopping or other high importance errands, please give our Parish Office a call at 757-547-0356. We will contact a parish volunteer to call you to assist you with your needs.



PRINCE OF PEACE FUNERAL RECEPTION MINISTRY

The Funeral Reception Ministry provides a kind work of mercy by providing a delicious reception for families and friends after a Funeral Mass. The Ministry welcomes parishioners who would be interested in supporting us by donating a specialty dish, salad, or dessert for **upcoming receptions**. If you are interested in helping, please contact Judy Florance at judithflorance@cox.net OR Rosalyn Price at roz3@cox.net. We will add your name to the Funeral Reception Ministry Contact List and be in touch by text, phone or email (your preference) when a Funeral Reception is planned. There will not be a need for everyone on the list to provide a dish for each reception; contacts will be rotated. Thank you for supporting this caring Ministry.

ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY

Prince of Peace has just begun an Altar Server Ministry and we still have room to grow. This Ministry is open to our young parishioners – girls and boys – who have received First Holy Communion. Parents of those interested in joining are asked to please contact Mark Falcon at 703-409-7733 or Adelina Koble at ajkoble@yahoo.com.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CLOW is the Liturgy of the Word suitably adapted for children ages 4 to 6 years old to make it relevant to their lives and experiences. It gives them the opportunity to understand the Gospel message. Our CLOW takes place during Mass and began in November; however, we are still looking for volunteers to help make this happen. If you are able to help with this program this year, please send an email to pop.office@popparish.org.

MARRIAGE RETREAT!

By offering Married Couples the beautiful experience of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, the Catholic Church is affirming and supporting you in your chosen vocation – Marriage. Take advantage of this great gift to enhance your relationship and enjoy a love-filled weekend away together.

For more information or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or mstang1987@aol.com with any questions. Here are a few upcoming experiences:

April 12-14, 2024 - Herndon, VA

May 3-5, 2024 - Hickory, NC

September 27-29, 2024 - Herndon, VA

Lucky in Love, or God's Plan? All WWME encountered couples, please come join us for an evening to strengthen your marital bond on Friday, March 15th at 7:00 p.m. in Room 10 of the Prince of Peace Education wing. Park in the back and remember to bring your dialogue books and a snack to share. You even have the opportunity to come straight from the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry that very evening! Contact Tom and Becky Schares with any questions at 757-548-4858.

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